Richmond March 21st 1853

Dear Sir

I have been requested by Dr A B J. Merritt of this place, to drop you a line, advising you of the arrival of some Specimens of gold ore which he has fowarded to you. Prof Rogers of the University of Va told him that some of the Specimens were very rich. Dr Merritt is one of our principal physicians, a capitalist, and a very estimable man.

I hope your analysis will be perfectly satisfactory to him. Prof Rogers has been lecturing here, on geology, to very crowded and enchanted audiencies. Bye the way, I understand you have been lecturing in Baltimore to very large assemblies. I wish we could secure your Ser= =vices in that line here. How did you leave our freind Mr Morfit? Has Hewston obtained his degree yet?

But I have omitted to thank you for the letter to Presdt Fillmore, which you had the kindness to send me, and which I can assure you I read with much pleasure. Very few men would have treated their enemies with the magnaminity which characterized your Controversy with Prof McCulloch.

If convenient, I should like to know, when you write again, Something about Garrett, Buck, Lothes with whom I have not time to correspond. Hoping to hear from you at your convenience

I remain

yours truly

J Roberts. Baker

To
Prof H. C. Booth
Philadelphia

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